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1. [] called Jim Calloway and Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and advised them of our concern with Section 406 of the HUD/NASA appropriation bill (H.R. 15572), which is due for floor action in the Senate today. This section would provide that none of the funds appropriated under that act could be transferred to or expended by or on behalf of the Agency. I pointed out that the scope of this amendment was such that it would preclude normal transfers between agencies which are authorized under the Economy Act to promote efficiency and economy in Government. Calloway first said he thought the only recourse at this point was to try to get the language knocked out in conference, but after conferring with Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.), called back to say that the Chairman planned to take issue with this provision on the floor today and asked for some back-up material on it. Early in the afternoon I met with Calloway and gave him an aide-memoire on the subject.

Chairman McClellan brought this item up in floor debate and also won a decisive vote on a motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee since Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.) had offered amendments to cut some twenty-three items in the bill over and above the recommendations made by his subcommittee. McConnell and Calloway both expressed the opinion that the objectionable restriction on transfer of funds would be stricken in Committee when it reconsiders the bill, but indicated that they would like a fall-back position from us in the event that should become necessary.

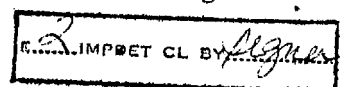
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2. [] Met with Ed Braswell and Clark McFadden of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff and advised them of our concern over Section 406 of the HUD/NASA appropriation. Braswell sent a copy of our aide-memoire to Senator John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) with a covering note.

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3. [] Briefed Jim Calloway and Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on developments over the weekend concerning a sensitive Agency project.

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5. [redacted] Called Jim Oliver, OMB, and thanked him for giving us a lead on the restrictive provision in the HUD/NASA appropriation bill (H. R. 15572) and for helping to break loose our letters to the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees on the Abourezk amendment to S. 3394, Foreign Assistance Act amendment.

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6. [redacted] Clark McFadden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, advised me that he had discussed with the Chairman the inquiry by Senator Howard W. Cannon (D., Nev.) about a sensitive program during the Director's testimony before the Armed Services Committee, and said the Chairman was taking care of this matter with Senator Cannon personally.

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7. [redacted] Called Bob Clark, Minority Staff, Senate Appropriations Committee, to secure the language of the Proxmire amendment prohibiting the use of any funds for CIA in the HUD/NASA appropriation bill (H. R. 15572). Clark furnished the language and agreed that it was so broad it could prohibit the Agency's normal procurement and exchange of services with other agencies under the Economy Act and other similar statutes to effect more efficiency and economy in Government. He urged that we move quickly to head the amendment off as it was scheduled for Senate floor vote at 12:30 p. m. today. He asked that we provide him a copy of any paper we prepare pointing out the problems the Agency faces. He was strongly against the amendment and felt that he could exercise some effort through Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R., Md.) to knock it out or modify it. I later called Clark and informed him that George Cary had met with Jim Calloway and that Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) was going to strongly oppose Proxmire on the floor.

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